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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003 for the above identified patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

This paper includes:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the list of claims beginning on page 2;

Remarks beginning on page 5; and

Exhibit 1 following after page 8.

Also enclosed are a **Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**, an **Amendment Fee Sheet**, and two (2) sheets of corrected **Formal Drawings** (Fig. 3a and 3b).